## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Confirmation No.: 5407

MERRIL et al. Docket No.: PNC-004

Application No.: 09/835,537 Group Art Unit: 1616

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Title: METHODS OF TREATING PRION DISEASE IN MAMMALS

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents July 7, 2008 PO Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2008. A response to the Office Action is submitted herewith, as well as the extension fee (small entity).

Respectfully submitted,

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